

Claims 31-41 are currently pending. Claims 31-41 have been cancelled and Claims 42-52 have been added in order to more particularly point out and distinctly claim that which Applicant regards as the invention. Support for new Claims 42-52 can be found generally throughout the instant Specification.

Applicant has previously amended the title to: "Cargo Control Track Compatible Storage Devices" to more clearly describe the field and use of the invention and emphasize the novelty of the invention.

The Examiner states in the April 12, 2001 Office Action, that Claims 31-41 are subject to a restriction or election requirement. The Examiner asserts that the application contains claims directed to the following patentably distinct species of the claimed invention: Figs. 1-3, Figs 11, 12 and 14, Fig 15, Figs 16A and 16B, Fig 17, Fig 18 and Fig 19.

In response, the applicant provisionally elects the group associated with Fig 17, Fig 18 and Fig 19 in order to comply with the requirement under 35 U.S.C. 121. The Examiner asserts that claim 31 is considered to be generic.

The election is provisionally made and is made with traverse. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider the restriction requirement.

Applicant respectfully submits that the group associated with Fig 15 and Figs 16A and 16B include corresponding elements with that of Fig 17, Fig 18 and Fig 19. Accordingly, applicant respectfully submits that the restriction requirement should permit a group associated with Fig 15, Figs 16A and 16B, Fig 17, Fig 18 and Fig 19.

CONCLUSION

For all of the reasons stated, Applicant respectfully submits that the specification and amended claims are now in proper form and that the claims are patentable over the prior art.

Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that the application is now in condition for allowance, respectfully solicits favorable action on all pending claims, namely Claims 42-52.


If for any reason this application is not believed to be in full condition for allowance, applicant respectfully requests the constructive assistance and suggestions of the Examiner pursuant to M.P.E.P. 706.03(d) and 707.07(j) in order that the undersigned can place this application in allowable condition as soon as possible and without the need for further proceedings.

In the event that there are any questions concerning this Amendment, or the application in general, the Examiner is respectfully urged to telephone the undersigned so that prosecution of the application may be expedited.

No fee, other than the \$445.00 fee for a three-month extension of time, is deemed necessary in connection with the filing of this Amendment.

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